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In Memoriam

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Mary Baldwin Loses Widely Beloved Official

The faculty and student body of Mary Baldwin College, the people of Staunton, and the alumnæ of the college were saddened by the loss of a faithful, loyal, and generous friend in the passing of Mr. William Wayt King, April 15, at the age of 75.

At the time of his death, Mr. King was still in the service of the college as curator of the endowment. In recent years, he had held this position after retiring from the more active administrative service which he had rendered for more than forty years as business manager. His contribution in executive wisdom, friendly counsel, and energetic work for the college and its ideals was ever apparent to those who were associated in any capacity with the institution during his long career on the campus.

The alumnæ who knew Mr. King during their student days will remember particularly his individual attention to them, his solicitous interest in their personal problems, and his desire to help them find at Mary Baldwin the way to a happy and serviceable life that he himself found there. The alumnæ of other days, even though they may not have been acquainted with Mr. King personally, have all known of his influence, and of his courageous but kind spirit. Thus, all of our nearly five thousand alumnæ, along with his many other friends, have sustained a great loss.

In the continuous service of Augusta Female Seminary, Mary Baldwin Seminary, and Mary Baldwin College since 1890, Mr. King's part in the building of Mary Baldwin was confined to no single phase of its development. In handling the college funds as business manager, in directing the construction of several of its present buildings, in the general details of his office, Mr. King showed not only remarkable administrative skill, but manifested the inspiration that was his through an abiding faith. Before coming to Mary Baldwin as secretary and then as business manager, he was deputy treasurer of Augusta County.

The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, April 16th, at the First Presbyterian Church, in which he was a deacon. The service was conducted by Dr. Hunter B. Blakely, with the assistance of Bishop-elect John J. Gravatt, Jr. Pall bearers were members of the Board of the National Valley Bank, of which Mr. King was a director. He was buried at Thornrose cemetery.

As the college approaches plans for celebration of its one hundredth anniversary, three years hence, it pauses now near the end of ninety-seven years of

the institution's history in respect to this devoted friend to whom the centennial year would have meant so much had he lived to see it. The alumnæ will be gratified, in their memory of Mr. King, that the first phase of the building plans pertaining to the New Century Program envisions the completing of a new building: William Wayt King Memorial Building. This decision was endorsed by the Alumnæ Association in June, and was approved and made public by the Board of Trustees following its last meeting. Mr. King had been informed of this action, and had consented for the new building to bear his name. In future years, in the second century of Mary Baldwin history, it will stand as another constant reminder of Mr. King's service and of his influence.

In a special chapel memorial service on the day of Mr. King's death, at which the president of the Staunton alumnæ chapter and several members of the Board of Trustees were present to represent their groups, President Jarman spoke a fitting tribute to him as quoted below:

"For about fifty years Mr. William Wayt King was connected with Mary Baldwin. For forty years he was business manager. Serving first under Miss Mary Julia Baldwin, he became the unifying personality of the institution over a long period of time, preserving thus the spirit of Miss Baldwin and projecting it through his own life and personality into the lives of the thousands of students passing through the institution during his years at Mary Baldwin.

"Through his wise business management and his vision through the years, funds were accumulated, buildings were erected, and endowment provided, thus making it possible for Mary Baldwin to exist and operate as a college today.

"There have been four outstanding personalities in the history of this institution. First was Dr. Rufus W. Bailey, the founder of the institution, a man of ideals and vision.

"Then came Miss Mary Julia Baldwin who gave form, standards, spirit, and a name to the Seminary.

"Dr. Fraser, whose educational statesmanship piloted Mary Baldwin through the difficult ways of the transformation from seminary to college, served as first president of the college and profoundly influenced the history of the institution by his vision, his loyalty, and his faithful service.

"Mr. King as an executor, a business man, and a man with a loving heart, was not only a builder for a greater future of Mary Baldwin, but bound together all of the seminary and college group by the bonds of love, for he was a man who loved greatly, and was loved by many.

"He lives today in the physical beauty of Mary Baldwin which he did so much to provide and to cherish, in the spirit of the college and its traditions, in the hearts and lives of the thousands of alumnæ of the seminary and college, and in the memories of all who knew and loved him."

WILLIAM WAYT KING

(The following editorial was taken from the Staunton *News-Leader,* Sunday, April 16th. It so accurately expresses the sentiments of the alumnæ and all who knew Mr. King that we are quoting it *in toto here.* ED. NOTE.):

"Staunton has lost a wealth of sunshine and godliness by the passing of Mr. William Wayt King, whose long life of usefulness to this community and to thousands of young women from all over this and other lands came to an end on Friday. The passing of few Stauntonians would be as universally mourned here; only one or two others, perhaps, would be mourned in so many homes in states far and near.

"Mr. King was widely beloved because he loved people, to whom he invariably brought cheerfulness, optimism, and a feeling that it was not such a bad world after all. A man of high spirits and charming personality, he had the gift of lifting one up by the shake of his hand, by a few words of greeting, by relating some human incident. He seemed perennially youthful, and indeed he never grew old in spirit. He loved youth, served youth, and never lost his youthful outlook and alertness. He was blessed, too, with a love of horses, and his many hours of recreation with them, in communion with Nature in all her moods, amid the hills and vales of the beautiful Shenandoah, must have had much to do with his keeping so young. He seldom complained about anything, but it was a grief of his latter years that he could not continue to ride and hunt the wily fox.

"Mary Baldwin Seminary's success as a leading preparatory school for girls was due in as large measure to Mr. King, its business manager for forty years, as to any other influence. The college which has succeeded it is the beneficiary of the sound management he gave the school, of the excellent plant which he did so much to develop, and, above all, of the affectionate loyalty of thousands of alumnæ. Loyalty to nearly every institution centers around some outstanding individual, and certainly for the forty years preceding transition of Mary Baldwin into today's fine college, the central figure there was Mr. King. It is no derogation of his able colleagues, concerned with the academic and disciplinary work of the school, to say that Mr. King was most universally loved and admired by the thousands of girls who in four decades passed through Mary Baldwin's gates.

"While Mr. King served his community in many ways, and had orchard and banking interests, Mary Baldwin was dearest to his heart and will always be a monument to his talents, his energy, ability, and love. His memory is firmly enshrined in the hearts of Stauntonians and Mary Baldwin alumnæ, and the influence that he has exerted will gather impetus with succeeding generations, for the inspiration of such a Christian nobleman as William Wayt King never dies."

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We regret that the entire issue of this NEWS LETTER could not have been dedicated to Mr. King, but since the copy had already gone to press before his death, it was impossible to do so. We would like to quote the following lines, taken from Alfred Noyes' poem, "Watchers of the Sky," in connection with the life of Mr. King:

"If I saw further, 'twas because I stood
On giant shoulders," wrote the king of thought,
Too proud of his great line to slight the toils
Of his Forebears. He turned to their dim past,
Their fading victories and their fond defeats,
And knelt as at an altar, drawing all
Their strength into his own; and so went forth
With all their glory shining in his face
To win new victories for the age to come.

THE ALUMNAE AND MARY BALDWIN

Not so many years ago, the young girl who was *you* came to Mary Baldwin. In coming and living and studying at Mary Baldwin for a while she allied herself permanently with the future of Mary Baldwin. For even though she went away, she left the imprint of her own personality behind and she brought something of the ideals and aspirations of her Alma Mater away with her.

So the alumna may be said to be Mary Baldwin in the community where she lives. She represents her school in the opinions of her friends and acquaintances. "And by their fruits ye shall know them." More than this the alumnæ are the one continuing and unbroken factor in the development of a college.

With this perspective on the relationship of the alumna to Mary Baldwin we must realize that the alumnæ group is not a parasitical growth upon the college but rather one of the vital parts of the institution. It is the duty of the alumnæ to insist that the highest standard of excellence always be maintained at Mary Baldwin else she will not survive. It is their duty to work and plan for her future. For only as the alumnæ support Mary Baldwin will others follow in their wake and support her.

The New York chapter of the Mary Baldwin Alumnae Association deserves particular commendation in this issue, we feel, not only because they have just celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary, but also because of the manner in which they have interpreted this spirit of alumnæ work and the three contributions to Mary Baldwin's development which they reported at their meeting.

Aside from any particular alumnæ work, the former students in their homes

are the outposts of the college. In their lives they transpose education into citizenship, so that all activity in worthwhile community projects reflects credit on their Alma Mater. The Pittsburgh chapter, recognizing the obligation of the trained woman to serve her community, has recently undertaken to meet once a month to sew for charity in addition to their regular alumnæ activity. This movement, we think, could be emulated by other groups with profit.

If the Mary Baldwin Alumnæ Association is to prove its loyalty and love for its Alma Mater, if it is ever to demonstrate its vitality and energy, the next three years preparation for the New Century of Mary Baldwin should present invaluable opportunity to each and every one of us.

"A WORD TO THE WISE"

Just about now when everybody is doing their spring house-cleaning at home, we're slicking up the Alumnæ clubhouse for that important event—Commencement. And what with a new coat of paint here and there and some new paper besides that fine pine-panelled room we did over last summer, the Club House should be in apple-pie order to welcome the large group of alumnæ who will want to come back this June.

For this is going to be Open-house Commencement for all the "old girls," as you'll see by reading the announcements in the news section. And we're going to have a really good time, as well as do a lot of thinking and planning about the alumnæ's part in that important event just over the horizon—Mary Baldwin's "New Century Celebration." So start planning now to attend Commencement this June.

You'll find this issue of THE BULLETIN chock full of important news, but we should like to call your attention especially to the "Report of the Committee on Survey and Planning." This report presents very clearly a picture of the needs of Mary Baldwin as she approaches her New Century. And it is about these needs that the alumnæ must deeply concern themselves both at the meeting of the National Association in June and at all gatherings of alumnæ.

While you're enjoying THE BULLETIN, don't neglect that coupon at the back which reminds you that its time to pay your dues to the National Alumnæ Assosiation. Remember that your dues bring you the ALUMNAE BULLETIN regularly, that they give you full membership in the Association with the privilege of voting for all officers and all policies of the Association, and help defray office expenditures.

"COMPLIMENTARY COPY"

On the cover of your copy of the NEWS LETTER you may have stamped in bold letters the words "Complimentary Copy." If so, that means that you have not paid your dues and are not a member of the alumnæ association. This copy is being sent to you through the courtesy of the college and the association.

With the approach of the centennial it is extremely important for all alumnæ to affiliate themselves with the national alumnæ association, either through their local chapters or individually, where there is no chapter.

At present, we have about six hundred paying members, a little more than ten percent of our five thousand alumnæ, but that is far from enough. It is now necessary for the college to subsidize the

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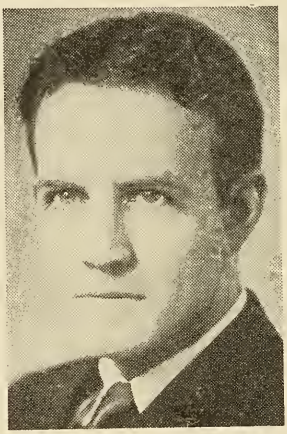
Assistant To President Appointed

The appointment of Lucien P. Giddens to the position of Assistant to the President and Director of Public Relations was announced by the Board of Trustees, following its meeting on March 9. He has already begun his duties at the college, and until 1942 will have charge of the New Century Program particularly.



Mr. Giddens recently received the M. A. degree at Vanderbilt university, and has completed all requirements, except the dissertation, for the Ph.D. degree in the field of educational administration at Peabody college. While finishing his graduate study at the two Nashville institutions, he has engaged in administrative and publicity work there. His research in graduate school has been on "The Development of Colleges for Women in the South" and he delivered an address at the 1938 meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges on this subject. Through this study he first became familiar with the work and history of Mary Baldwin college.

Prior to his graduate work at Nashville, he served for three years as Executive Secretary, Director of Publications, secretary of the Board of Trustees, and faculty member of Alabama college, Montevallo. Earlier he was a member of the faculty of Birmingham Southern college, where he had graduated in 1928 with outstanding honors in scholarship, student organizations, and athletics. As an undergraduate there he was awarded the Student Government loving cup as the student who was of greatest service to the college. A member of seven national honorary fraternities, Mr. Giddens was Rhodes Scholar from Alabama, 1928-31.

In the summer of 1929 Mr. Giddens studied at Grenoble University, France; and in the summer of 1931, he conducted tours over Europe for a foreign travel company.

At Oxford, he engaged in a number of sports. In the spring of 1930, he visited fifteen American universities as a member of the Oxford-Cambridge lacross team. In 1931, as a member of the Oxford team, he was the highest scorer in England and was named on the All-English team. He was also captain of the Oxford baseball team for two seasons.

Mr. Giddens has had several years of newspaper experience and has published occasional articles on educational subjects. While at Oxford, he was the university correspondent for the *American Oxonian* magazine. He is a member of the Kappa Alpha social fraternity.

Message On New Century Program

The few weeks since I came to Mary Baldwin College afford too short an experience in my present position to permit any full statement to the alumnæ at this time. I am glad to comply with the request of the alumnæ secretary in writing this brief message, however, because already I have been made to feel at home at the college and in Staunton. Those of us who have official connections with the college as administrative officers or faculty members are impressed with the same cordiality that you as students found on the campus and in the community. Furthermore, I am glad of this opportunity to consider certain factors pertaining to the one hundredth anniversary of the college that are of common and timely interest to you and to the entire college personnel. Thus it is on quickly-formed but most loyal acquaintance with the college that I make these remarks in anticipation of the New Century Program, in which it is hoped that all of you will share.

In choosing the name "New Century Program" for the centennial celebration, President Jarman condensed into these three words the real meaning which that occasion should have. It is his thought that this program should be more than a mere milepost in the history of Mary Baldwin College; that, in the positive terms of that title, it should inspire a respectful memory of the past and at the same time a strong resolve for the future. With the cooperation of alumnæ and friends of the college, the challenge immediately ahead will be met when one hundred years of Mary Baldwin history is completed in 1942.

The high scholastic standards now attained by the college are, of course, well-known to you. They are clearly reflected in the recognition received from state, regional, and national accrediting agencies. But, an institution, grown from a seminary to a fully-accredited college, cannot express its general standards of nearly a century entirely in a tangible way. Many of the standards which have prevailed on the campus since 1842 are recorded largely in the minds and hearts of those who have gone forth from these college halls better prepared to meet the issues of life. There can certainly be no better measure of an institution than the abiding ideals and Christian service of its four generations of graduates, who attended it as Augusta Female Seminary, Mary Baldwin Seminary, and Mary Baldwin College.

The many years of the college's history have been replete with achievement. If such achievement had been restricted in any sense to the material things of academic life, some might wonder whether it had the lasting quality to carry over effectively to a second century. But through the years and to this time the emphasis in policy at Mary Baldwin has been placed first of all upon the well-rounded development of the young women who have come to it for training and guidance. This kind of achievement is essentially enduring.

While holding devotedly to these old objectives of the founders, the college must in its second century of service fulfill certain new needs, mainly involving extension of its equipment and endowment. By so doing, its physical resources can be made to contribute more fully to the fundamental standards that have been carefully constructed and always zealously guarded. While its true ideals will need no change with passing time; the physical equipment, by nature,

will need replenishment in order to fill its role in an ever broadening educational mission such as ours here at Mary Baldwin. It is in this spirit that the college takes cognizance of such needs.

In approaching the New Century Program and the tasks that lie beyond, the cooperation of the alumnæ is asked as individuals and as chapters, in person and in spirit. They are the only group representing all stages of the college's growth.

I consider it an unusual opportunity to be associated with the college at this significant period in its history, when it faces the future with a confidence that is not transitory and not artificial but that is born of a long tradition of worthiness. President Jarman and the alumnæ secretary join me in the above expressions on behalf of your alma mater. We will wish to keep you informed of developments in plans for the New Century Program and during the course of these preparations, especially, I will welcome the opportunity to meet the members of our Alumnæ Association.

LUCIEN P. GIDDENS
Assistant to the President and Director of Public Relations

Recent Contributions To Mary Baldwin Archives

To Mrs. William Wayt King we are indebted for some of the oldest material in our collection: two lace-edged certificates written and signed by R. W. Bailey, Principal of Augusta Female Seminary, on July 1, 1847 and June 29, 1848 respectively, presented on those dates to Miss Sarah Allen Bell; a book mark embroidered in 1849 bearing the name "Sallie"; a statement written and signed by Dr. Bailey expressing his affectionate esteem for his pupil, Miss Bell; the newspaper clippings concerning Miss Bell's marriage to Mr. Davis A. Kayser in 1849 and her death in Staunton in 1895, also an editorial and an "In Memoriam" which attests to her goodness and worth to the church and community. Mrs. Kayser was Mrs. King's aunt.

The College recently received from Mrs. Richard Hogshead, of Raphine, Virginia, a collection of documents, papers, and pictures which reflect campus life as early as the eighteen-sixties. The collection includes some personal letters of Misses Letitia and Mary Smiley, aunts of Mrs. Hogshead, written while they were students at Augusta Female Seminary. Among the other articles are: a report card of the 1864 session; a copy of the valedictory address, delivered in 1866; a certificate of graduation, issued in 1867; a program of the unveiling of the Memorial to Miss Baldwin on May 24, 1901; newspaper clippings; and an old-fashioned album of photographs of former students.

From Mrs. Page *Moffatt* Kable we have received letters, dated 1875, written by Miss Baldwin, Miss Wiemar, Mr. W. T. Richardson, Miss Charlotte Kemper and Mr. T. W. Hamer, recommending whole-heartedly Miss Isabelle Patrick for a teaching position. Miss Patrick was Mrs. Kable's great-aunt.

These collections are greatly appreciated by the College, and it is hoped that further additions may be made to the archives before the New Century Program in 1942.

Report of Committee on Survey and Planning to Board of Trustees

This Committee was appointed by the authority of the Board at the meeting in March 1938. The Committee began work almost immediately. The Committee's efforts have included the following activities:

1. Engineer's survey of campus with ample blue prints enabling one to study present campus lay-out and possibilities as to future development.

2. Careful survey by Committee of buildings, equipment, campus real estate, and endowment in the light of the demands of a modern college, and the recognized trends in education.

3. A comparative study of campuses, buildings, and equipment of other similar colleges for women in Virginia, made by different groups of faculty and board of trustees.

4. A survey of faculty, student, and alumnæ opinion concerning the needs of the college as to buildings, with a ranking as to relative importance in point of time.

5. The engaging of Mr. Henry C. Hibbs of Nashville, Tennessee, as planning architect, to study the present campus, arrangement of buildings, etc., and to present a plan for the development of the campus as a unified whole over a long term of years.

This report of your Committee is in two parts: (1) a statement of the findings of the Committee with reference to the needs of the college, present and future; and (2) a personal presentation by Mr. Hibbs of a proposed plan as to a harmonious development of campus and buildings around a central theme, that may extend over many years.

The College is using at present fifteen buildings, exclusive of the President's house and the maids' cottage. Four of these are situated on three different city blocks across streets from the main campus, two being dormitories, one an educational, and one a recreational building. In addition the college is using the gymnasium and swimming pool of the local Y. M. C. A., situated on a block adjoining the college property, for some of its athletic activities.

All of these buildings are of brick construction except four which are frame These are the two residences used by the Music Department, the infirmary, and the building known as Sky High, used as a gymnasium on the first story and as dormitory and art studio on the second and third stories.

The Committee would call attention to the fact that there is no way for a college to obtain new buildings except through gifts. The average college generally receives a building by gift approximately each ten years. Mary Baldwin has never received a building by gift. Some of the buildings are more than one hundred years old, the average age of the buildings on the campus proper is perhaps seventy years, and the newest building was erected some twenty-five or thirty years ago.

The comparative study made of Mary Baldwin and other colleges for women in Virginia seemed to show that the administration building and three larger dormitories of Mary Baldwin compare favorably with those of other colleges, although it should be noted that at Mary Baldwin the administration building is given over in part to dormitory purposes, which cramps the administration and so-

cial activities, and in other ways is undesirable. A comparison of buildings for class rooms and library is unfavorable to Mary Baldwin. In physical edution and recreational buildings, in auditoriums, and in dining room facilities the other institutions far surpass Mary Baldwin.

The survey among faculty, students, alumnæ, and other friends of the college gave an almost unanimous opinion that the first building needed in any new program would be a gymnasium, which could be used also as an auditorium, and for social purposes. This would eliminate the weakest feature of our educational program and solve many allied problems. It would enable the college to discontinue the necessary practice of using the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium and pool.

It is evident that additional dormitory space should be supplied as early as possible, as it would not be practical to demolish Sky High until dormitory rooms could be provided for the twenty-four students now living on the second and third stories of that building. Indeed the students now living in Sky High, those living in Main Building, and those living in Fraser Hall across the street in front of the college could fill a sizable dormitory. These inter-related factors would suggest a dormitory to be erected as the gymnasium is being erected if possible, or as soon thereafter as may be practical.

The above needs are immediate and urgent; they may become vital. They demand some approach to the problem of supplying them. Other needs are of importance, but must await their turn. Among them are a Fine Arts building, a dining hall and kitchen, an alumnæ building, a recreational center, a library building, and an additional dormitory.

In outlining the above general plans the Committee has in mind a student body not much larger than that at present. It is the almost unanimous opinion of the faculty, students, and alumnæ that a student body much larger than the present one would so dilute the personal message of the faculty and administration that the general tone and tradition of the college would be changed. The Committee is thinking in terms of a better rather than a bigger college.

Additional real estate is needed for proper campus development and extension. During the last ten years eleven parcels of real estate have been purchased by the college, lying on the campus block and adjoining blocks. There are other valuable properties which the college should purchase as they may become available in the future.

The Committee has studied also the matter of endowment of the college, as to endowment relationship both to the regular college program and to the proposed new buildings. The total endowment of the college has a book value of approximately $515,000.00. There are included certain shrinkages of capital that cannot as yet be written off with accuracy. The endowment income for the past fiscal year was $14,305.00.

The president of the college reports that within the past few months the two major accrediting agencies, The Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and the Association of American Universities, have made a point relative to the inadequacy of the endowment of the college, and have requested the college to report to them concerning this item, and any changes of same, in 1940, and 1941 respectively.

It is a recognized fact also that additional buildings on a campus should usually be accompanied by additional en-

dowment to insure adequate income for upkeep. Should we admit this premise, it follows that there is a double need for increasing the endowment funds of the college. This should be borne in mind in any endeavor to increase the assets of the college.

The vastly increased appropriations by the states and loans and grants made by the federal government to the tax supported institutions are making the tasks of the privately controlled institutions immeasurably more difficult, particularly one like Mary Baldwin whose buildings and equipment have come over from another generation, and indeed from another type of institution. Our physical problems are more difficult each year; yet an inspector for one of the accrediting agencies, after making a rather extensive, as well as intensive, survey of the college and its program, stated that he did not know that there was a college in the country doing the high type of academic work as that found at Mary Baldwin with so limited equipment. The challenge is rather clear to the entire college organization and its supporting groups to meet a situation such as other institutions have met and are meeting.

Your Committee believes that the work of a committee on survey and planning has just begun, and is of the opinion that this committee should be continued, or that a similar committee should be appointed to continue this work. This Committee would recommend also the appointment of an advisory committee made up of representataives of the trustees, faculty, alumnæ and students to be known as the Centennial Program Committee with the chairman of the Board as chairman of the committee, which shall have the privilege of adding to its number from time to time any additional persons whom the committee would desire to have serve with them. The function of this committee would be to advise with the president of the college and others in the formulation and execution of plans for the centennial program considered in its broader sense; namely, the finding of the necessary funds for buildings and endowment when the Board may decide that such a program be inaugurated.

It is the opinion of this Committee that the responsibility for the initiation and guidance of the program for the procuring of funds for buildings and for endowment rests primarily with the Board of Trustees. The executive officers of the Board in such a program would naturally be the president of the college and others of the administrative and faculty group. Your Committee believes, however, that the success of such a program will depend upon the earnestness, the enthusiasm, the persistence, and the cooperation of the Board of Trustees, together with the officers of the college, the alumnæ, the students, and other friends who may be interested.

Respectfully submitted,
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L. W. JARMAN, *Chairman*

The Board of Trustees accepted the report of the Committee on Survey and Planning with the request that the Committee continue its work and make specific recommendations at a special meeting of the Board to be held in May. These recommendations will be made public at Commencement, 1939.

To The Alumnae

Each year we invite you to Commencement, but this year I wish to make your invitation to Commencement even more personal and more urgent.

We hope to give first to you, the alumnae, the plans for the Centennial and for the New Century Program. The Board of Trustees is holding a special meeting in May to give final form to these plans. It is our purpose to announce them formally to the Alumnæ Association at Commencement, asking you to discuss with us the ways of working out these plans.

I suggest therefore that every chapter designate a special representative, and send her name at once to the alumnæ office. Every group where there is no active chapter should have representation and each class should be represented by one or more members. In addition, we shall be delighted to have as many individual alumnæ as can come. We need on this occasion a group that is representative both of the Seminary and of the College. Will you please write us your plans to attend the Ninety-seventh Commencement of your alma mater.

The alumnæ and the college will give you a hearty welcome, and provide every opportunity for your participation in the events of Alumnæ Day, as well as various other features for your entertainment. Remember the alumnæ meeting and luncheon, of course, and do not forget the class day, the pageant, the garden party, the concert, and the other events of the Commencement program.

L. WILSON JARMAN, *President*

Commencement News

In this issue of the NEWS LETTER you have all received an invitation both from the president of the college and the president of the alumnæ association to return to Mary Baldwin for this ninety-seventh Commencement, as it marks one of the most important periods in our history.

There are several changes being made in the Commencement program which directly effect the alumnæ. The first of these is the changing of alumnæ day from Monday to Saturday. Many alumnae have told us that it would be possible for them to attend alumnæ day if it were held on Saturday, so we are doing this in the hope that more of our alumnæ will be with us on that day.

The present system of class reunions on a five year basis is being scrapped this year. The class of '34, which would hold their reunion under the five year plan, will be the guest class. There will be open house for all other classes during the entire Commencement period. The classes reunioning on the five year plan did not have an opportunity to see other classes which had been in college with them at any time during their four years. We hope that this year many classes will arrange to meet here and renew their friendship with those of other classes.

The annual business meeting of the alumnæ association will be held Saturday morning on the upper gallery at eleven o'clock. We cannot stress too strongly the importance of every alumnæ being present at that time as the New Century program will be made public for the first time.

Following the meeting there will be the usual alumnæ luncheon. The place of this will be announced at the business meeting. Since the alumnæ banquet is being omitted this year, there will be a nominal charge for the luncheon.

On Saturday afternoon the Class Day exercises will take place on the upper terrace at 4:30. These exercises are followed by the Garden Party on the front terrace at 5:30, to which all alumnæ are invited. Cards will be issued and given to all who are planning to attend this function. The concert sponsored by the music department in the chapel at 8:30 concludes the events of the day.

The Baccalaureate serman will be preached by Reverend Stuart Nye Hutchison, who is now pastor of the East Liberty Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mr. Hutchison is one of the most outstanding Presbyterian ministers of today. He is very active in various public works, serving as trustee of Princeton Theological Seminary and others. His writings include "The Voice Within Us" and "Holy Ground," as well as books for children on the Bible. We are more than fortunate in securing Mr. Hutchison and the Commencement speaker—Douglas Freeman.

Dr. Freeman is at present editor of the Richmond *Times-Dispatch*. He has his Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University with honorary degrees from many college and universities in this country. In 1934-45 he was visiting professor of journalism at Columbia University. It was also in that same year that he won the Pulitzer prize for his life of Robert E. Lee. It is impossible to mention the numerous honors that have come to Mr. Freeman. He is a trustee of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and a member and trustee of the Rockefeller Foundation and General Education Board. The presence of these two men on our campus will add immeasurably to the Commencement ceremonies.

If you are planning to return to this Commencement at Mary Baldwin, as we hope you are, will you please send a post card to the alumnæ office, telling when you will arrive and how long you will stay so that we can make all necessary arrangements.

Arrange now to meet your friends on June 3rd at M. B. C.

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Saturday

11:00 Alumnæ Meeting.
1:00 Alumnæ Luncheon
4:30 Class Day—Upper Terrace
5:30 Garden Party—Front Terrace
8:30 Concert—College Chapel

Sunday

11:00 Baccalaureate Sermon
Reverend Stuart Nye Hutchison
East Liberty Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
3:30-5:30 Informal Open House
President's Home
6:00 Senior Vespers—Front Terrace

Monday

4:30 Commencement Pageant—Upper Terrace

Tuesday

10:00 Address to Graduating Class
Douglas Freeman, Editor of Richmond Times-Dispatch
Conferring of Degrees.

The Alumnae Scholarships

In the summer of 1893, Mrs. Elizabeth Andrew-Hill called a meeting of the "Full Graduates" of Augusta Female Seminary for the purpose of organizing an alumnæ association. Miss Nannie Tate was elected president, Mrs. Hill, secretary, and Mrs. McCullough, historian. Plans were made for a meeting of the graduates and former students in May, 1894 and letters were sent out inviting the "girls" to return. In the Record of the Alumnæ Association of Mary Baldwin Seminary, 1896, we find the following description:

"When Friday, May 25th, came all was propitious. A merry crowd it was in the pretty cosy library. Miss Baldwin, upon her election as an honorary member, insisted on her right to be an active member, being herself an old Seminary girl! She was welcomed by a rising vote of thanks as *she paid the first dollar into the treasury.*"

Thus began the Alumnæ Association of Augusta Female Seminary, Mary Baldwin Seminary and Mary Baldwin College. At the meeting on that May evening in '94, thirty full graduates were in attendance. Today, forty-five years later, the Association numbers almost five thousand members, though only about six hundred of these have followed Miss Baldwin's example and paid their dollar to the treasury.

From the very beginning it was the intention of the Association to maintain a Scholarship at the Seminary. A Scholarship Committee was appointed at the meeting of the Association held on May 26, 1899, and at the meeting on May 25, 1900 the Scholarship Committee, Mrs. Timberlake and Mrs. McCullough, reported that an Alumnæ Scholarship had been granted by the Trustees. Miss Helen S. Opie, a day pupil of Staunton had the honor of being the first recipient of the Alumnæ Scholarship. Since that day many young women have enjoyed the privilege of being Mary Baldwin girls because of this scholarship fund. The amount invested is so small, however, that only the generosity of the Board of Trustees makes the continuance of this scholarship possible. Here is a fine opportunity for an alumnæ chapter or an individual to help her alma mater to help worthy students.

On May 23, 1921 a group of far-seeing alumnæ, led by Mrs. Kate N. Stout, Mrs. A. H. Howison, Miss Margaret McChesney and Miss Nancy McFarland, wishing to perpetuate in an appropriate way Miss Baldwin's interest in Christian missions, set up the Missionary Scholarship.

"This scholarship is to be conferred each year upon the daughter of a missionary, preferably an alumna of the Seminary, serving on the Home or Foreign Mission field, to carry with it full tuition, and board, also necessary school expenses. Through the courtesy of the Board of Trustees, a concession of fifty per cent was made for this scholarship."

Since 1921 those alumnæ who have served on the Missionary Scholarship Committee are Mrs. Kate N. Stout, Mrs. A. M. Howison, Miss Margaret McChesney, Miss Nancy McFarland, Mrs. W. S. Morris, Miss Bessie Weller, Mrs. H. J. Taylor, Miss Margaret Bell, Miss Virginia Switzer and Miss Dorothy Bear. Mrs. Howison was the first secretary of the committee. Upon her death Miss Nancy McFarland became secretary and in 1933 Mrs. Herbert Taylor assumed the duties of that office. By the yearly

solicitations of the secretary, $2750. has been secured and is carefully invested, bringing in a yearly income of a little more more than a hundred dollars. This, however, is not enough to provide for a student under the terms of the scholarship.

During the eighteen years since this scholarship was established seven young women have been its beneficiaries. Daughters of the missions of the Presbyterian Church, they could and did appreciate the Mary Baldwin experience. As teachers, writers, ministers' wives and mothers they are spreading abroad today the influence of Miss Baldwin and the school which was her life. Our debt to Christian missions can never be paid, but this scholarship offers one medium through which the alumnæ of Mary Baldwin can express their continued and continuing interest in the mission cause.

On the back page of the Alumnae Bulletin you will find a form giving you the opportunity to contribute to this Scholarship. If you have never contributed to it before, start today. If you have contributed, continue to do so. This is, to a unique degree, an alumnæ project. No contribution can be considered too small.

Anniversary Celebration of New York Chapter

On Saturday, February 25th, the New York chapter became the second one in the history of the alumnæ association to celebrate its 25th Anniversary.

The luncheon meeting, held at the American Women's Club was, quite appropriately, the largest this chapter has ever had, numbering forty-two alumnæ and guests. The chairman, Anna Catherine *McMahon* Kutzleb '29, and the treasurer, Mary Ella Elder '98, are to be congratulated on the excellent work they did for this meeting and for all that they have contributed to the New York chapter.

Due to the illness of Eula *Brown* Tuttle '90, a charter member and one of the most loyal and enthusiastic in the chapter, Mrs. Kutzleb acted as toastmistress in her place. Elizabeth Poole, dean of Mary Baldwin, and Winifred Love, alumnæ secretary, guests of the New York chapter on that occasion, spoke briefly concerning the present and future of Mary Baldwin and of alumnæ work there.

The high spot of the luncheon was the history of the New York chapter, given by Jeanette *Baker* Felter, '91. The splendid record of the New York chapter and the part played in it by Mrs. Felter is something of which the alumnæ association may justly be proud. This history, as given by Mrs. Felter, is published here so that all the alumnæ may have opportunity to read it and may themselves be spurred on to higher endeavor through the example of this chapter and its members.

Mrs. Felter's Address to the New York Chapter

Madam Chairman, Honored Guests, Members of the New York Chapter and Friends:

Our Chairman, Mrs. Kutzleb, has asked me to tell you about the tormation of this New York Chapter of the Mary Baldwin Alumnæ Association twenty-five years ago.

In May, 1913, it was my happy privilege to visit my old home in Staunton to attend the Alumnæ meeting and the reunion of my Class. For the first time I heard of the activities of the various Chapters—there were not very many then, the Staunton Chapter, of course, Atlanta and Washington being the most active.

I returned to Brooklyn fired with a desire to organize a chapter here in the north. I had already come in contact with some of my old classmates and schoolmates, and felt we should be able to gather enough together from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Long Island to form a worthwhile chapter.

I talked the matter over with my very dear friend, Emily Prince Wernery, and upon her promise to cooperate, began the task of getting in touch with all whom we knew and of whom we heard, and learning their reaction to the idea. There were many obstacles to overcome; we had no funds, of course, and a central meeting place in New York City must be secured. I would gladly have opened my home at any time, but it was even more difficult then than now to get anyone to come to Brooklyn. Again Mrs. Wernery came to our assistance. What we would have done all these years without her loyal support and her splendid work as Secretary-Treasurer I am sure I do not know. Her brother most kindly secured for us a room, free of charge, in the Hotel Martinique, then a quiet, refined hotel.

Having learned that the President of the National Association, Miss Margaret Peale, was then visiting in Brooklyn, I called upon her, secured her promise to help us organize, and set a convenient date.

That was a memorable occasion when we gathered in the Oak Room of the Hotel Martinique—February 26, 1914. It might interest you to know who were the charter members:

Emily Prince Wernery
Roselle Mercier Montgomery
Margaret Cunningham Craig
Daisye Yarbrough Ranson
Fannie Davant Pickard
Lillian Brown Menke
Beatrice Lewis Harder
Margaretha Fultz
Mary Hutchinson
Laura Brown Miller
Ethel Williamson Galloway
Mrs. Barrington Wright
Mary Steele
Dorothy Canfield
Nettie Baker Felter

There were two others who were already members of the National Association—Mary Lee Pennybacker and Mildred Droege. Martine McHenry Griffing would have been with us had not illness prevented. She has come all the way from Indianapolis to be with us today. Could you find a finer evidence of loyalty?

I wish that time permitted me to review the administrations of each of our capable chairmen. Many card parties have been held during the years to raise money for the Missionary Scholarship Fund and for the Budget, and one large and successful concert was made possible by our ever loyal and generous supporter, Margaret Cunningham Craig. No one has been more gracious in opening her

beautiful home in Englewood for luncheons and card parties than Eula Brown Tuttle. She also was deterred from becoming a charter member, and her absence today because of illness is a real loss.

Four of our charter members are with us, and I am going to ask the other three to rise: Emily Prince Wernery, Beatrice Lewis Harder and Ethel Williamson Galloway. This celebration would not have taken place had it not been for our faithful and loyal Secretary-Treasurer through many years, Mary Elder. She reminded us that our twenty-fifth anniversary was fast approaching, and our Chairman immediately took steps to bring about this happy and successful meeting.

The New York Chapter rather cherishes the thought that it was responsible for bringing three important matters to the attention of the Powers-That-Be in Staunton. First—Our first card party, back in those early days, netted us $40., which seemed a much larger sum then than now. We wished to show our love for our Alma Mater by sending it to Staunton for the Endowment Fund. What was our chagrin to find that there was no Endowment Fund at that time, so the forty dollars was turned over to the Missionary Scholarship Fund. Second—While Elizabeth Hanger Chalenor was President of the National Association, we two planned to meet in Staunton. There we appeared before the Board of Trustees—that august body—and dared to make the request that the students be provided with more outdoor activities. Third—Here in the north we clearly saw how our graduates were handicapped in pursuing their studies and in securing positions to teach. Their diplomas would not admit them to any of the larger colleges, nor, in many cases, could graduates secure positions to teach in High Schools. With the high standards of Mary Baldwin Seminary this seemed so unfair. We immediately began to talk "College! College! College!," and it is our great joy today to realize that our dream has come true and Mary Baldwin is a fully accredited college of which we are all justly proud.

Two of our beloved charter members have passed to the great Beyond: Fannie Davant Pickard, who was loyal and faithful always, and most devoted to Miss Baldwin and the Seminary; and Roselle Mercier Montgomery, our talented poet, a former Chairman of this Chapter, whose poem "Across the Years" was written especially for Mary Baldwin and appears this year on the birthday cards. May I read one of her poems which seems particularly appropriate at this season? (See page twenty.)

"COMPLIMENTARY COPY"

(Continued From Page 5)

alumnæ association. The college has been generous enough to pay for this issue of the News Letter so that you can read of the plans for the coming New Century program. Since this issue costs approximately three hundred and fifty dollars ($350.00) we cannot expect such generosity frequently, nor should we. We must shoulder our own burdens and we can only do that with the help of every alumna.

We are most anxious to increase our membership by several hundred before Commencement. If you have never joined the alumnæ association or have not been a member for several years, this is an excellent time to pay your dues and join the onward march of Mary Baldwin.

Far And Wide With The Chapters

This has been an exceptionally active winter for the majority of the chapters, with meetings from Buffalo to Birmingham. Though a great deal might be said about the chapters at this time, we must condense the material, due to lack of space, and only touch briefly on the following meetings.

In January, when the alumnæ president and alumnæ secretary were enroute to the District convention in Birmingham, they were singularly fortunate in being able to attend a meeting of the Atlanta chapter, held at the home of Mrs. Guy Woolford, mother of Frances Woolford, '34. It was one of the most delightful teas the chapter had ever had and everyone was in very gay spirits. Catherine *Woodrow* Kirkland '12, chairman of the chapter for several years, felt that it was necessary for her to give up the position at that time. Venice *Mayson* Fry '17 was elected to the place vacated by Mrs. Kirkland, while Anne and Jane Pattillo, ex-'41, twins, were made secretary and treasurer. The familiar colors of yellow and white, and the Atlanta chapter mascot, who regularly attends all meetings, added to the festivity. The chapter was so enthused that they sponsored a performance of two plays of Bernard Shaw a short time ago. We have not heard the results of this yet but we are eagerly awaiting the returns.

A few days after the Atlanta meeting, the Birmingham alumnæ gathered at the Meadowbrook Country Club, 35 strong, for one of their most successful meetings. Eloina *Hutchinson* Persons, '09, chairman of the chapter, presided at the lovely luncheon. At this meeting there was an election of officers, during which Martha *McDavid* Perry '27 became the new chairman. In the three days that they were in Birmingham, the alumnæ president and secretary were charmingly entertained at the homes of several members and were taken on a very interesting tour of the city. The Birmingham alumnae had contacted several high school students and their mothers and had arranged interviews for them with the visitors from the college. These interviews were quite fruitful and reflected the good work done by the chapter in Birmingham.

The Greensboro alumnæ, joined by those from High Point, met at the home of their chairman, Ellen Douglas Bush, '35, for an informal social meeting, during which Mrs. Mapp spoke on alumnæ work and the members discussed various projects which they might undertake soon. The publicity in the Greensboro papers had been widespread so the meeting had been called to the attention of all the alumnæ. Good publicity is essential for the college in these next few years and the chapters are very important channels for it.

The Nashville chapter was particularly fortunate in having Dr. Jarman as their guest for their luncheon meeting on Saturday, April 1st. The meeting was held at the Belle Meade Country Club, with Eleanor *Folk* McNeilly '24 presiding. It was the first one that they had had for some time and it was a particularly enjoyable occasion.

Pittsburgh has again come to the fore and is leading the association with a new progressive plan, a startlingly new plan, it is. They have decided to hold ONE MEETING A MONTH at the home of various members. They have had several meetings since Christmas and are finding the plan exceedingly successful.

The last gathering was at the home of Jean Diescher '38, where they distributed tickets to be sold for a performance which they are sponsoring May 5th. The Pittsburgh plan is undoubtedly a definite forward step in alumnæ work and we extend our heartiest congratulations to the members of the Pittsburgh chapter for being the first to undertake it.

Four of the chapters are holding meetings from April 5-12, the date of the college's spring vacation, at which time they are planning to entertain the students living in that vicinity. The chapters doing this are: Richmond, Columbia, S. C., Buffalo and Detroit. This is an excellent idea both from the standpoint of the alumnæ and of the students. The first hand contact with the college which the alumnæ receive through the students will be invaluable to them. In return, this affords a splendid opportunity for the students, who are extremely interested in the alumnæ association, to see how their own chapters function. It is to be hoped that more chapters will undertake this particular type of meeting next year or during the summer.

The Staunton chapter will hold their spring meeting on April 29th at the Stonewall Jackson Tavern. This will perhaps be the most vital meeting that the Staunton chapter will hold during the next three years. Their Board has mapped out a three year constructive program which will be submitted to the chapter members for their approval. This is the beginning of the New Century program for the chapters. At this meeting they will also entertain the local college seniors.

The Ida Smith Austin Memorial

"According to my ability there is no institution I would more gladly honor than Mary Baldwin College" wrote Ida Smith Austin from her home in Galvestion, Texas to the president of Mary Baldwin College. An alumna of Augusta Female Seminary she thus expressed in words her loyalty to her alma mater and her faith in the immortality of the educational ideals which she had learned to value when a school girl.

It was not until Mrs. Austin's death last September that Mary Baldwin learned that these aforementioned words had been followed almost immediately by an act of generosity which her alma mater can never acknowledge to her personally, but which she can publicly announce to her alumnæ and friends and gratefully accept as a sacred trust. Mrs. Austin, a few days after writing the sentence quoted, wrote into her will a provision which will take care of the life needs of a group of relatives and friends and then will become a part of the invested funds of Mary Baldwin College, to be used in any way the college sees fit. This gift, coming as Mary Baldwin enters upon her New Century Program, has an increased significance. It is tangible evidence of the fact that there are those who knew Mary Baldwin in her first century who will make her future service sure by providing for her physical needs in a day in which they believe, though it be a day which they will never see.

Aware, therefore, of the gift itself, its immediate and its future significance, Mary Baldwin College makes due acknowledgment of the Ida Smith Austin Memorial.

Alumnae Conference

The annual meeting of District 111 of the American Alumnæ Council was held in Birmingham, Alabama, January 26 and 27. This district includes Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and Florida.

The alumnæ president, Mrs. Mapp, and the secretary, Miss Love, drove down to the meeting in Mrs. Mapp's car. The trip included three visits to alumnæ chapters, those of Greensboro, Atlanta and Birmingham. It was the first opportunity that the president had had of attending these meetings, and the experience was one of mutual pleasure to Mrs. Mapp and to the chapters.

The program at the conference was an exceptionally fine one, including such pertinent topics as "Developing Future Alumnæ" and "How to Keep Alumnæ Chapters Alive."

Both the representatives from Mary Baldwin returned from the conference and the chapter meetings with renewed energy and enthusiasm for work during the coming year.

When Spring Comes Up The Shenandoah

When Spring comes up the Shenandoah
It is a rush, a sally;
Swift as a blush on beauty's cheek
She flushes up the Valley!

She passes as in royal state,
The rivers rush to meet her,
The mountains smile as she goes by,
The orchards bloom to greet her.

All beauty's cohorts, lining up.
Salute their sovereign, passing;
The vagrant breezes mobilize,
Their fragrant forces massing.

The birds make music for her march,
The hoarse bees add their humming;
The joyful cattle on the hills,
Deep-throated, hail her coming.

The dogwood flings white banners out
To greet her every turning,
And high on steep, blue mountain sides,
Are redbud beacons burning.

So Spring comes up the Shenandoah;
I, who have seen her, pity
Those who must be content to see
Her passing in a city!

ROSELLE MERCIER MONTGOMERY

Class Personals

1870-1899

EMMA *KENT* YATES, '71, died February 3, 1938.

We are happy to state that Ella Moore, '73, is recovering from an operation it was necessary for her to have on Christmas Day.

An account of the death of Rosa *Sellers* Gray, '74, was given in the *Rockbridge County News,* December 8, 1938. She was buried in Lexington, Va., where she had been living since she came from Texas with her family in 1871.

Margaret *Alcocke* Johnston, '75, died this past summer and is buried in Virginia.

Clara *Kennedy* Burney, '77, sister of Ellen *Kennedy* Clapp, '71, died in Asheville, N. C., February 24th.

Flora Firor, '79, had the grave misfortune to fall on a rug and break both arms. She is slowly recovering.

Lizzie *McCue* Dahlgren, '80, is now living at 507 S. Layton Ave., Dunn, N. C.

The address of Mary Forman, '81, is 709 Battery Place, Apt. 3, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Hope *Summerell* Chamberlain, '82, has recently published a book entitled *This Was Home,* with one chapter devoted to "Miss Baldwin's School." It is a delightfully entertaining book and one which Mary Baldwin alumnæ will particularly enjoy. Mrs. Chamberlain has recently returned from a trip to California to her home in Chapel Hill, N. C.

Sallie *Davidson* Curtis, '86, is making her home in Quincy, Fla.

We regret very much to learn of the death of Admiral Crosley, husband of Pauline *Stewart* Crosley, '85. Admiral Crosley served his country as a naval officer from 1895 until his retirement in 1935—forty years. His service record takes in most of the naval movements of the period it covered. He received the Navy Cross during the World War with this citation: "For distinguished service in the line of his profession as naval attache at Petrograd and for conducting a party of Americans out of Russia in April, 1918, under difficult and trying circumstances . . . " In addition to the Navy Cross, he was decorated with many other medals. Mrs. Crosley is living with her son, Lt. Floyd Stewart Crosley, 6 Bolton Gardens, Bronxville, N. Y.

Evelyn *Kinney* Renahan, '86, was kind enough to send us some stories of her life at Mary Baldwin and some interesting anecdotes concerning Miss Baldwin and Miss Strickler. These were greatly appreciated and we hope that more will be forthcoming.

Kitty Tate, '90, died a few months ago at her home in Staunton.

Eula *Brown* Tuttle, '90, was sick for some time this winter and was unable to be present at the New York meeting.

From the *Christian Observer,* there has been sent to us the obituary of Margaret *Epes* Dillard, '90, who died last fall at Blackstone, Va. After leaving Mary Baldwin, Mrs. Dillard studied at the Corcoran Art Gallery in Washington. "Of brilliant mind and unbounded energy, her life was one of great accomplishment, a life spent mainly in making a lovely home and in helping others."

Word has been received here of the death of Ellen *Pancake* Brown, '94. Her death occurred at Durham, N. C., where one of her daughters resides, Miss Frances Brown, a doctor of philosophy and a member of the faculty of Duke University.

Ann Singleton, '94, reviewed *"And Tell of Time"* for the Woman's City Club in Washington.

The present address of Helen Williamson, '94, is 1737 New Hampshire Ave., Apt. 22, Washington, D. C.

Anne Peyton *Cochran* Daub, '95, is a member of the American Artists' League, and does very fine oil paintings of homes and public buildings. Her daughter, Elizabeth Daub, has been elected to the Maryland House of Delegates, and has received a great deal of publicity as the "prettiest lady legislator." She is only 25, and is already making a name for herself.

Clara *Nothnagle* Beery, '98, died at her home in Harrisonburg, March 28th.

From the column entitled "These Interesting Miami Women" in *The Herald,* Miami, Fla., comes an account of Grace *Rarden* Doherty, '99. The following are excerpts from this: "She is known for the beauty of her deeds, for the magnetism of her personality and the impulsive friendliness of her nature." Mrs. Doherty once studied music in Berlin. She taught in several schools, specializing in the history of music and in philosophy. It was in 1933 that her daughter, Helen Lee Doherty, started the annual Milk Fund Ball which bears

her name, and she gave the first of her famous Christmas parties for under-privileged children. Her daughter is now Mrs. William T. Wessel and lives in Chile.

Florence *Best* Marsh, '99, is living at 201 N. Encinitas Avenue, Monrovia, Calif. Mrs. Marsh has one son and two daughters; one of the daughters is a doctor and the other a teacher in Arizona. She writes that she enjoys the *News-Letter* and still keeps up with several Mary Baldwin girls.

1900-1920

MARY *ROYSTER* WHITE'S, '00, address is now "Flordon," Charlottesville, Va.

Sarah *Todd* Seaton, '00, is president of the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs and, as such, has been speaking in various parts of the state.

Juana *Creighton* Kaltenback, '06, has moved from New Jersey to La Jolla, Calif.

Nannie *Timberlake* Dillon, '11, is living at 122 Chester Ave., Garden City, L. I.

The new address of Agnes *Vance* Berry, '11, is Franklin Road, Nashville, Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Callison have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary Wallace, '12, to Reverend Mark B. Grier, pastor of the Old Providence Church. The wedding will take place April 25.

Minnie *Mansfield* White, '12, has made her home at 387 Linwood Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

Sarah *Bell* Wysor, '12, and her family have been transferred to Fort Warren, Wyoming.

Pauline *Anderson* Cumming, '14, and daughter, Carolyn, who is a freshman at Mary Baldwin, cruised to the West Indies and Havana during Christmas vacation. Mrs. Cumming, who has been spending the winter with her brother in Richmond, has now returned to Detroit.

Recently we found a picture of Augusta *Glass* Digges, '16, and her father, Senator Glass, taken at the dedication of a plaque naming him the "Father of the Federal Reserve System."

The correct address of Marion Denyven, '17, is 5512 Delmar Blvd., St. Louis, Mo.

Louise Baker, '19, is now Mrs. Montcalm C. Broward, and her address is 3577 Richmond St., Jacksonville, Fla.

Lelia *Hanger* Spillman, '20, and family have recently moved from their home on Vine St. to 243 Sycamore St., Staunton, Va.

1921-1931

MARY *HOWARD* POOLE, '21, has written a pageant, "Behold His Star," which was widely used throughout the Presbyterian Church this past Christmas. It was one of the most effective of its kind and has received a great deal of favorable criticism.

Katherine *Shelton* Carruth, '21, and Ruth *Shelton* Heath, '19, are now living in Charlotte, N. C.

Agnes Erskine Sproul, '21, will be married in the late spring to Mr. C. E. Bush, Jr., of Waynesboro, Va.

Maitland *Thompson* Linney, '22, is living in Madison, Tenn.

Evelyn *Marion* Boteler, '22, widow of Elijah Smith Boteler, was married to Mr. John A. Rudloff of New York and Montclair, N. J. Their home will be 810 Park Avenue, New York City.

The present address of Frances Grant is 2010 Kalorama Rd., N. W., Apt. 25, Washington, D. C.

We had a very interesting letter from Mary Goodloe *Billings* Swain, '23, some time ago. She says that when writing the Senior class history for the 1923 *Bluestocking*, she gave the names Ham and Jam to the dogs, which had formerly been nameless. Quite a claim to fame! Mrs. Swain, who is living at Cortland Rd., Seymour, Indiana, has two sons, Burton Franklin, III, aged 11, and DeGraff Billings, aged 8.

Constance *Bailey* Barlow, '24, is residing in Riverside, Connecticut.

Jessie Gail *Pergrin* Preston, '24, has been living at 470 Bronxville Rd., Bronxville, N. Y., since her marriage.

King *Nelson* Chamberlain, '25, gave birth to a son, January 26th, at Rochester, N. Y.

Virginia *Bull* Moose, '25, formerly a resident of Richmond, is now located at 2053 Grand Street, Scotch Plains, N. J.

Mildred *Gates* Owens, '25, has charge of the Junior League office in Nashville, Tenn.

Martha *McDavid* Perry, '27, has been chosen as chairman of the Birmingham Alumnæ Chapter.

Frances *Ruckman* Oxner, '28, Greenville, S. C., has a son, Glenn Ruckman, born last July 10.

Sallie Schenck, '26, is now Mrs. P. E. Mason, and lives in Atlanta, Ga.

Dorothy *Morriss Gibbs*, '26, and small daugh-

ter were in Florida during part of February and March.

A son was born to Elizabeth *Putman* Sinsel, '27, 121 Vermont Avenue, Clarksburg, W. Va., in June, 1938.

Louise *Vinson* Kessler, '28, may be reached at Roland Park Drive, Huntington, W. Va.

Lillian *Cormichael* Sumner, '28, has moved from Charlotte, N. C., to Lexington, N. C.

Mary Garland Taylor, '29, is not teaching in Waynesboro, Va., as was stated in the last NEWS LETTER, but is Young People's Worker in the First Presbyterian Church there.

Elizabeth *Hume* Carr, '28, spent three weeks visiting Lib *Crawford* Engle, '31, in Wilmington, N. C.

Catherine *Crafton* Fenne, '29, is settled in Blacksburg, Va., for the present.

Mary Moore Pancake, '29, has recently received a promotion in her work at Altman's. She is very successful there and is having a grand time in New York.

Blanche Martin, '29, has become Mrs. Earl Morgan and is living at 601 Young St., Selma, Ala.

Mary Agnes Grant, '30, is a Child Welfare Service Worker for the State Children's Bureau in Richmond, Va.

Grider Horst, '30, has changed her address to 207 Poinciania Drive, Birmingham, Ala.

Lucy Hanby, '30, was married some time ago to Mr. Arthur Forsythe, Jr. Their home is at 2810 Carlisle Rd., Birmingham, Ala.

Wilhelmina *Eskridge* Beard, '30, is the mother of a son, Graham Eskridge, born January 2.

Rebecca Price, '30, is being kept more than busy with her teaching at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill. In spite of term papers, comprehensives, etc., she finds time for many outside activities and thinks it's all great fun.

The class of '31 will be sorry to learn that the church of which Lib *Crawford* Engle's husband is pastor was burned to the ground while they were away.

Roberta Cridlin, '31, has been quite active since leaving Mary Baldwin. She received her M.A. from William and Mary in '35. In the summer of '37, she went to Paris for four months and from there to Valencia, where she taught and studied for nine months in the "Ecole Normal à Institute" and "Collège de Jeunes Filles." Vacations were spent traveling in the south of France and Corsica. She is now teaching French and English at Dahyss-Bennett Senior High School, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elizabeth Ravenscroft *Smith* Norton, '31, has a second child, a daughter, born October 8th, named Nina Ravenscroft. She has moved from Jewel Park to 505 S. Cook St., Barrington, Ill.

Anna Carroll, '31, was married to Alfred Emerson Jones, Jr., graduate of Dartmouth and a lawyer. She lives at 9 Lenox St., Uniontown, Pa.

Louise *Bowen* Wilson, '31, is deeply engrossed in her housekeeping activities in their home at Ft. Valley, Ga.

1932

THIS so called news reporter has been advised to make up news if none is available. Since I'm not an unimaginative reporter you may find things in this column you didn't know yourself.

It must be exciting to be the wife of a construction contractor, since you're exposed to new neighbors and customs and towns periodically. Knox writes they will move to Waynesville, N. C., near Asheville.

Scoggin is a lucky individual spending much time at her home in Virginia as well as her home in Wilson, N. C. No opportunity here to get tired of looking at the same picture on the wall every day. As positive proof her kiddies are really cute, the writer has photographs of same.

Although Hutch has had a personal promotion of which she should be very proud, she has also had the sad misfortune of losing her oldest brother. Our sympathy to you—Hutch.

Dess writes that there is nothing grander than two young daughters, but as some of you know, their excessive energy takes all of mamma's by nightfall and makes it very hard to enjoy the night life as in the old days.

Jo states she has nothing interesting to tell about, yet she keeps house, teaches school, is active in church and community life, had a fascinating trip to Bermuda last year and plans a trip to the New World's Fair this summer. Classmates, we ask you, isn't this exciting. Another customer for the World's Fair will be Lee. I suggest we all meet at "The perspiring poodle stand" and have one on each other.

Lee is still an ambitious 9 o'clock girl and likes it because it is interesting. Her recent trip to Staunton gave insight to many advanced changes, but she still likes to remember it as it was when we were there. She doesn't be-

lieve they have half as good a time as we did.

Again we know that M. B. advertising produces interested readers, as Lillian Bell writes that her oldest pupils presented her with a M. B. bulletin they had received and read with much interest. Said bulletin included photographs of our graduation class and brought back many happy memories. She expects two student teachers from M. B. during March and April. Classmates, do you recall your days of practice teaching?

The writer is still looking for a chance to get out of the arctic zone—15 inches of snow so far this month (February) piled on previous month's snow. Ski enthusiasts come hither, but please you southern gals come rescue me.

"SEEMIE."

Kitty Reid is on the way to the top and going fast. She has been made head of the Department of Drama at Skidmore College. Her first play of this season was "Two Gentlemen of Verona," which was a tremendous success.

Caroline Rabenold is doing private nursing in Glenside, Pennsylvania.

Page *Howard* Bradham has returned from Baltimore to Greensboro, N. C., and is living at 812 N. Elm Street.

Rumor has it that Gin *Maben* Stokes has recently become a mother, but rumor has omitted details. Information, please.

Anvilla *Prescott* Shultz and husband have been vacationing in Atlantic City for a time.

1933

WE give you the model Mary Baldwin Alumnæ, Virginia *Bragg* Bredwell, ex-'33, who, although she has been away from school longer than most of us, took time during the Christmas rush to write us one of the newsiest letters we've received and we certainly thank her for it. She is living at 6738 Field House Way, Mariemont, Cincinnati, Ohio, and has a five-month-old daughter, Martha Bragg Bredwell. Among other things she told us that Margaret *Grier* Livingston, ex-'33, of Buffalo, N. Y., is the mother of *two* boys, and that Rosa Lee *Ott* Davis, of Harrisonburg, is the proud possessor of a son, Robert Marshall Davis, Jr.

Mary Bussells and "Honey" Edmunds furnish headlines for '33 by their marriages. Mary was marrried to Mr. Robert Smith McDaniel, a lawyer in Washington on February 4th. All communications addressed to 1301 Vermont Avenue, N. W., will reach Mrs. McDaniel. Honey, sharing honors with Mary, became Mrs. Edwin McRae Shepherd, March 11, at her home in Charleston, West Virginia. Dr. Shepherd is located at Bellevue Hospital and they are at the George Washington Hotel temporarily.

Catherine *Whittet* Gray is the most recent mother of the class of '33 that we have heard about. Her daughter was born February 9th at St. Luke's Hospital, Richmond.

My Christmas letter from Jean Brehm modestly protests the laurels we handed her in our last missive. However, Jean, we know better, for that mouse in your waste basket is a personal friend of Winchell's, and those things *do* get around. Jean had a grand Canadian cruise last summer and we're glad to hear she's planning a Staunton vacation for '42. Let's have more like her.

Ernestine Heuser, ex-'33, writes us from Norton, Virginia, that she is "M. B. C. homesick" and we hope she'll show up in '42, if not before. Please, Teeny!

Of course, I had the usual cheery bulletins from Lib Londerback and Ruth Hopewell—ever dependable. However, Lib is holding out on me. Not a word of her engagement to Mr. John L. Woodward did she give, though I must confess I think it was announced after Lib wrote. Anyway there goes another to join the matrimonial ranks. Best of luck from all of '33.

All of yon who remember Sally Ruhe's handsome brother, David, will be pleased to hear, that although medicine is his chosen career and he is studying at Temple, he is also quite a successful artist. Several of his water colors have been accepted by the Philadelphia Academy and he has had a request from a Paris art magazine for a biographical sketch which is to appear in a group of "Rising American artists." Sally was present at a reception in Philadelphia given by the famous art patroness, Mrs. A. Atwater Kent, in honor of these rising American artists.

Ruth Fraser must be doing all right with her Charleston tax job, because we hear that she is planning another cruise this spring. We are hoping to see her in New York.

Caroline *Reeves* Speed is returning to the old stamping grounds of Virginia where her husband is now practicing in Roanoke. Caroline was at Mary Baldwin for a few brief hours looking things over.

As for myself, there's not much to tell except that I am evidently old beyond my years, for I've had as pretty an attack of spinal arthritis as you'd wish to see. I'm planning to grace the '42 celebration in a wheel chair.

I was fortunate enough to spend a week-end in New York recently hearing Flagstad do Brunhilde in Siegfried. I had a grand visit with Mary Moore Pancake, and Mary *Thomas* Curtis '25, besides bumping into (and I mean it *literally*) Thelma *Hulvey* Meyers, '32, at the opera. She is living at 130 Warren Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Let's have more gossip about yourselves, '33—and keep us posted this summer on your World's Fair Activities, or better still—drop in at 2135 Chew St., Allentown, Pa., on your way up.

Hopefully,

BETTY BUEL.

1934

ORCHIDS to Frances Woolford for the splendid work she is doing in painting and sculpturing. She has been elected a member of the National Association of Portrait Painters which means she can hang her pictures in any gallery in this country, a very real honor. She has won several awards in exhibits in New York for both painting and sculpturing. The writer was fortunate enough to see some of her things and will wax quite enthusiastic on the subject. The class of '34 is proud to know and claim her. Her present address is Ansonia Hotel, 73rd and Broadway, New York City.

One more bride for the class of '34! Doris Coville became Mrs. Edwin Harvey Robbins in a lovely ceremony in the First Baptist Church, December 27. The couple are making their home in Charlottesville where Mr. Robbins is doing graduate work in chemistry.

And speaking of brides—the time is rapidly approaching for Julia Gooch to join the ranks. She is being fêted on all sides at this point in preparation for the event on May 13th.

Martha *Gray* Lund's husband is finishing his Ph.D. in Madison, Wisconsin, this year.

Kay Little spent New Year's in New York celebrating with Harriet Jayne.

Grace Crowe's father, Dr. William E. Crowe, has taken a church now in Talledga, Alabama.

Mary Borden, and Nancy Wallace, who spend the winter in New York, spent the Christmas holidays in Wilmington, N. C.

Virginia Wight was a bridesmaid in her brother, Dick's, wedding in Richmond on January 14th.

Louise McAllister is teaching piano in Richmond.

Claire Davis visited Helen Arthur for a time last August. We understand Clair is married and living in New York state, but we can't be more definite about it. Details, please.

Josephine *West* McClelland's husband has been transferred from Texas to Watertown, Massachusetts.

Lib *Terrell* McKnight married a sports writer for the Associated Press in and around Dallas, so Lib travels that section of Texas pretty thoroughly and takes in all the games.

Molly *Benson* Glenn's address is 1317 May Avenue, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

We are a little late in reporting the very cute daughter of Fran *Robinson* Merry, now about two years old.

The class extends its sympathy to Jacqueline *Perkins* Rippard whose father died during the Christmas holidays.

Mary Bess Johnson, now Mrs. J. R. McFadden, lives at 3416 Normandy, Dallas, Texas.

The present address of Muriel Brod is 545 W. End Avenue, New York.

1935

I WAS hoping some news would come in my direction before this issue, since I haven't contributed much of class interest in several months. However, my efforts have not been startlingly successful, but here is what I have gleaned.

The wedding bells are breaking up that old class of ours. The next two to succumb are Mary Blake and Virginia Roudabush. Blake's future is Mr. Alexander Gibson Green, Jr., from Hartlands, Markham, Virginia, graduate of Randolph-Macon and V. P. I. The definite date of the wedding has not been announced, but we understand it will be this summer. Virginia will be married to Mr. Edward McAleer from Staunton this fall. Alumnæ present at the announcement of her engagement were Marian Martin '35 and Betty Carpenter '36.

A son, John Kirk Train III, was born to Ann *Brodford* Train in March. Ann is in New York this winter where her husband is interning.

And another grandchild for the class is Jean Dale Crissman, daughter of Martha *Logan* Crissman, who came into the world March 1st. Martha says she is an exceptionally good baby and quite the latest thing.

Caroline Conlon was one of the lovelier

brides of the season when she was married to Mr. Lee Temple Hughes in December. They are living at 126½ S. 8, Richmond, Indiana.

At the New York chapter meeting on February twenty-fifth we were represented by just three—Winnie Love, Mem Cornell, and me. It is too bad more of us couldn't have happened in on that occasion, because the fifteen or twenty of us who had been at the college at the same time enjoyed the reunion no end. Mem reported her recent trip to California, and Winnie has also been traveling around, her latest having been a motor trip to the alumnæ conference in Birmingham with Mary Bell, with stops on the way which included a meeting at the home of Ellen Douglas Bush in Greensboro. E. D. was in New York last month, and says she would like to come back for good, if an alluring job should present itself.

I heard at the alumnæ meeting that Beebe *Hannah* Fuller is once more in this country, together with her husband and *very* cute baby, and is living at Fort Benning, Georgia. Helen Patterson was on her way to Virginia, via Georgia, but she didn't quite make it. She visited Beebe and contends that there is no place like an army post for a visit.

Betty Welles stopped in to see me last December, and we had a few minutes' talk which was entirely too short for me to find out much news about her, except that she does a good deal of traveling around.

Jean Clark is way up in the musical ranks now, her very busy life in New York including several voice pupils, and singing in one of the larger choirs. She gave a recital this winter which was definitely a success.

Word has come to me that Sarah Click is doing famously at Yale University in the School of Drama.

Rosannah Milam has gone scientific on us and is quite absorbed in her work. She is busy running down various germs with unusual success and is quite tops in her work.

Louise *Martin* Rohrer is at home at 210 S. Prospect St., Hagerstown, Maryland, and says she will welcome any of the class of '35 day or night.

Peggy Russell has been flying around hither and yon on week-ends and having a very fine time. Mary Opie, who took over Peggy's position as society editor for the Staunton *News-Leader,* went south on a garden tour which she found most delightful.

Leona Bowman finished her nurses training at Johns Hopkins Hospital on March 15th.

Kay *Warden* Lee was in Staunton for a week-end some time ago.

Mary Bell *Archer* Mapp is in New York for three weeks now, as her husband is there on business. As an alumnæ president Bell is A 1.

Gerda writes that she has been busy keeping house in her mother's absence and broadcasting now and then. She is certainly one jump ahead of the rest of us on the broadcasting business.

It is rumored that our second official reunion is to be held this June in Staunton, so please start thinking about coming down then if you possibly can. We do well every commencement, with at least ten or twelve representing 1935, so let's swell that number considerably for this scheduled get-together.

Any more news will have to come from the files of our alumnæ secretary, so I shall be hoping to see you all in June when we can get the news personally.

Evrey seems to have gleaned in a most successful manner, and there is little I can add.

It was a great pleasure to see Helen *Arthur* Rogers one evening in March. She had driven from Indiana with her husband and parents and was very anxious to have a look at Mary Baldwin before returning. There is nothing like showing a classmate all the changes and trying to catch up on all back gossip in a few hours. Why don't the rest of you come by?

To any and all who are interested in cute houses we suggest that you make a trip to Atlanta, Georgia, and see the one in which Emma *Lake* Parker holds sway. It is the original dream house come true and Emma is the perfect housewife.

Don't forget about planning to be here at least on Saturday, June 3rd for alumnæ day. The band will be out and the flags flying.

1936

NEXT to Mary Baldwin, I should say that New York is the locality in which the greatest numbers of you may be found. I have been especially lucky in that respect during this year, and so I want to tell the rest of the class about those who have crossed my path here in the city and the news they have brought from still others.

Sometimes it is best to begin with the most recent happening and go on from there, and so let us start with the luncheon and spring meeting of the New York Chapter of the Mary

Baldwin Alumnæ Association, which was held at the American Woman's Club here on February 25th. Since I am sure there is an account of the meeting elsewhere in the NEWS LETTER, I shall just tell you about those of our class who were there.

Much to our delight, we found that the Class of '36 again had gathered the largest group present—there were seven of us in all: Janet Duthie, Jane Dewey, Eleanor Miller, Margaret Jancovius, Jean *Hebbard* Palmer, Helen Wade, and your secretary—a real reunion!

Some of us had not seen each other since commencement, 1936, and the news circulated fast as we sat together during luncheon and "caught up" with recent happenings amongst us.

Janet informed us that she is now busily engaged in keeping house, going to business school, and working with some Y. W. C. A. Girl Reserve clubs.

Eleanor was talking of wedding plans, since she will be married to Mr. Albert Dannemiller, of Garden City, N. Y., on April 15th. She told us that Mary Delia Nochols and Ora *Ehmling* Ehmann will be bridesmaids. The ceremony willl take place in Garden City.

Jane has been graduated from the McDowell School of Costume Design and is now a full-fledged stylist.

Jean told us that the Palmers were well and enjoying their own new home in Upper Montclair, N. J.

Margaret is doing secretarial work for her father, in Newark, N. J., her home city. She also tells us that Jane *Rice* Otto has been spending some time in Florida.

Helen has been dividing her time between Brielle, N. J., and the city, and is planning a trip to Augusta to visit Sarah Dyess this month.

Having spent a very happy time together, we regretfully departed, but later scouted still further news items which concern us:

Imogen Bird has announced her engagement to Dr. John Newland Preston, of Korea. They will be married in Washington next fall; at present both are working in Korea.

Janie *Stevens* Brown has a daughter, Mary Ellen, born in January, at Port Gibson, Miss. We hear that the baby has red hair; and we hereby register the hope that she will come to Mary Baldwin some day.

Hattie Jayne has been seen frequently in the city this year. She is studying piano, and tells us that she is partial to the "three B's" (Bach, Beethoven, and Brahms). Through her we hear that Middie Huffman has gone cruising after working for a time in an office of the State Legislature of West Virginia.

Kathryn Sancken was in New York recently for a week, with her mother and sister.

Sarah Dyess has been here visiting Helen Wade, Jane Dewey, and me. She and Kat brought us news of Augusta's alumnæ chapter, which has started activities with renewed enthusiasm this year.

Katherine Dyer also paid us a visit recently, and tells us that she is now taking a business course in Martinsville, Va., and is hard at work.

Ruda Schorchtova writes from far-away Czechoslovakia that even in times of stress she thinks often of her year at Mary Baldwin with great pleasure, and that she wants very much to keep up with her classmates. She has been teaching languages and translating a P. G. Wodehouse novel into Czech, and her experiences sound extremely interesting. I am sure that she would be delighted to hear from some of you. Her address is Svandova 16, Prague, Czechoslovakia.

Betty Vincent and Emily Goodwin are in Baltimore again this year, teaching and training for nursing, respectively.

Annie Belle Bradley will be graduated from the Medical College of Virginia, in Richmond, this June. She will be the first M.D. from the Class of '36.

Our deepest sympathy is expressed to Ora *Ehmling* Ehmann, who lost her father in January, and to Dorothy *Warner* Smith, who was seriously ill during the fall, but is much better now.

And so until the next issue—may I suggest that you write to each other whenever you can? You have no idea how much joy your letters can give, in renewing old friendship ties and strengthening them for the future. Mary Baldwin continues to hold us together in a way that nothing else can.

Also, a penny postal mailed to my address (419 West 119th Street, New York City), telling a word or two about yourself, will take only a few minutes of your time, one cent from your budget, and will be of inestimable value in gathering the news so vital to all of us—news of "our class!"

NANCY WALLACE.

Nancy covers the field so thoroughly that there is little left to add. Those '36ers cer-

tainly know how to keep together and send in their news.

Cecil Pendleton was married to Dr. John Edward Fissel, Jr., on February 11th, in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Newport News. Jean Diescher, '38, was a bridesmaid, and Ann Pendleton, sister of the bride and freshman at Mary Baldwin, was maid of honor. Following a wedding trip to Havana they made their home in Newport News.

A long letter from Jeanne Baldwin was one of the pleasant surprises of the season. She put us straight on her marriage, which took place on October 29th. The gentleman in question is Dr. Hans Paul Kronheim of Pittsburgh, Pa. He is not a medical doctor, but received his degree in science from Oxford University. He is a native of Germany. Dolly *Belch* Hughes was the matron of honor. Jeanne is living at 12227 Clifton Blvd., Lakewood, Ohio.

Mary *Forrest* Pragoft is making her home at 1712 Rodney St., Wilmington, Del.

Lucilla White is working in Wilmington, N. C., in the church of Dr. Whitmore. Sarah Dudley Whitmore is in the church in Charlotte, N. C.

Harriet Reid has been visiting in Texas for some time.

Mary Elizabeth Gardner is doing social work, acting as visitor for Mother's Assistance Fund in Franklin County, Pa.

1937

IT is a real pleasure to be the class secretary when class members are so very nice about writing me the news, and I want to thank each and every one of you from whom I have heard. So much of interest has occurred since last I sat down to write you that this should be an especially long letter, and be sure to let me know if I have left out any matters of vital interest which I have not heard about.

Margaret Hunt was married in September to Mr. A. G. Hill, and is living in Dallas, Texas. She spent most of the summer on a North Cape cruise and was married shortly after her return.

A grand long letter from Betty Curry tells me that she is ensconed in the Marr Ocean Villa, 6749 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, where she and her sister have an apartment overlooking the ocean. She plans to stay until April 1st. Lucky girl! She wrote all the news of Kewpie Huffman's wedding to Mr. Samuel Gilbert Colt, Jr., of Pittsfield, Massachusetts. The wedding took place January 20th. Betty writes that Kewpie was a beautiful bride. Annie Terrell, Lottie Bell, and Betty were among the bridesmaids, while Middie Huffman was the maid-of-honor. Lottie went to New York with Annie after the wedding and hopes to join Betty in Florida later on. Both Margaret *Hunt* Hill and Petie Holst had hoped to come for Kewpie's wedding, but Margaret couldn't leave Texas and Petie is in Florida and felt that it was too far to go.

Mary Wat Ayler's engagement to Mr. Wythe Holt at Newport News, has just been announced, and the wedding is to take place in April. He is a graduate of V. M. I. and of the Harvard Business School. Mary Wat had quite an honor not long ago when she was chosen "Mary the first," Queen of the Peninsula, and was crowned by Governor Price at a military ball given in the Langley Field gymnasium.

Jane Jeffrey writes that she has been taking a course in Interior Decoration at William and Mary Extension in Richmond and staying with Mrs. Thomas W. Wood, 3 Greenway Lane, Hampton Gardens. She tells me that Lynette *Stallcup* Anderson and her husband are living now in St. Paul, Minnesota. They have just recently moved there, for they have been staying with Lynn's mother in Sikeston since the death of her father. I am sure the whole class joins me in extending to Lynette our sympathy in her loss.

Anne Harrison wrote me a letter full of news. She has spent the winter visiting around and recently returned from an enjoyable trip to New Orleans. She tells me that Martha Lancaster is living in Ashland, Virginia, and commuting to Richmond, taking a course in X-Ray technology. Hettie Kennedy visited Jo *Luck* Rey in Ashland recently on her way home from New York where she had been on a vacation.

Betty Marks has been at home this year, although she did work during Christmas. Our sympathy is extended to her in the loss of her brother this fall.

Jane Mather is now in her last year at the Art Institute in Baltimore and is planning to teach next year.

Elsie Inslee was married in January to Mr. Harry Frank Brightman, Jr., and went to Bermuda on her honeymoon.

Peggy *Drew* Knight and her husband and son are now living in Ramsey, N. J., but may move to Chicago in the spring.

I enjoyed so hearing from Esther Brown.

She went out to Terra Haute, Indiana, to be a bridesmaid in Caroline Conlon's wedding on December 14th. Mary Conlon was maid-of-honor. Dorothy *Ham* Logan came down from Indianapolis for the wedding, and Essie went back with her for a short visit. Esther and Zibba Odell have recently been up to Thomasville, North Carolina, to see Isabel *Maitland* Wiley. Her husband is a Presbyterian minister in Thomasville. Zibba is planning a trip to Mexico, leaving about March 1st.

Ellen Morris Jones has been appointed clerk to Probation Officer Carrol Minor of the United States district court. She graduated from the American Business school and had been working in the office of the clerk of the Virginia supreme court until her recent appointment. Congratulations, Ellen Morris.

As I write this, a card arrives from Peggy Coller. She has a little apartment at 206½ W. 13th street in New York for the winter—and is studying Interior Design at the school of Professional Arts. She says that she is working hard and dividing her leisure time between Carnegie Hall, the opera, and the theatre district.

Frances Russell has a position teaching in a Montreat, North Carolina school, and is crazy about her work.

Anne Mosby is spending six weeks in Florida and expects to go to Bermuda on her return in the spring.

This just about completes my supply of news. I want to apologize for not having a letter in the last NEWS LETTER, but at that point I was recovering from a very unpleasant case of pneumonia. However, I am feeling very chipper now and am always ready to receive more news from all of you.

MARY BELL.

Weddings seem to be quite the vogue for the class of '37. Patty Jo Mahoney recently became Mrs. Don. D. Montgomery.

Frances Edwards was married in the fall to Dr. F. A. Thompson of Newport News, Virginia.

Rebecca Cockrell's marriage to Mr. Thomas Edward Hassett, Jr., took place in Baltimore, March 18.

Virginia Smith Wiley has a daughter, born November 29th.

Mary Bryan *Thorpe* Hepburn has returned from California to Hope Mills, North Carolina, just outside Fayetteville.

Katherine Major dashes over now and then to spend a week-end in Staunton. Teaching is undoubtedly agreeing with her.

Betty *Hiles* de la Ossa, though still living in New York, has moved to 3009-82nd Street, Jackson Heights, Long Island.

Lib *Bolton* Woodside, at the meeting of the Greensboro chapter, told us she had recently moved to Greensboro, 208 W. Smith, to be exact.

Marian *Nester* Ames, Houston, Texas, has a two-year-old daughter.

Ethel Ray *Coffey* Strawn is living in Charlotte, North Carolina, but we don't know the street and number.

The Holley twins had a grand visit to the college during the latter part of February and the first of March. After leaving M.B.C., Janet went to visit Nancy Gilliam and Betty Chamberlain, while Janis spent a few days with Margaret Johnson. Needless to say, it was delightful to have them back at the college.

Betty Chamberlain was another visitor at M. B. C. She came with the Holleys from Dayton on Saturday night and left on Sunday. It was entirely too short, but better than none.

Ikey Dyer had planned to attend the alumnæ meeting in Greensboro, but, due to the death of her aunt, was unable to do so. A long, newsy letter from her made up, in part, for our disappointment in not seeing her. They have quite a little group of alumnæ in Winston-Salem now, including Lib *Dorrier* Goodwin, a model wife and mother, Betty Shelton, who is the efficient secretary, and Blevis Vogler, kept more than busy with her Junior League activities. Isabelle *Maitland* Wiley is in Thomasville, North Carolina, not far from them so she can join the fun. We understand that Jean *Hebbard* Palmer's house is perfect in every respect and that she quite surpasses all in her housekeeping abilities. Won't a few more of you take a leaf out of Ikey's book and write some letters.

Don't forget that this Commencement is open house for all classes and we hope that '37 will have a large representation.

1938

CONGRATULATIONS to the class of '38! Almost without exception, they have all sent news of themselves and their friends to their class secretary or to the alumnæ office. This is a record of which they might well be proud.

Hazel Crist was married to Mr. Francis Bromley Key, Saturday, December 31. They have made their home at 214 East High street, Charlottesville, Virginia.

Eloise Johnson is now Mrs. Pat Coleman and is living in Lexington, Virginia. Dedie

Perrow was maid-of-honor and Mary White, '39, was a bridesmaid.

Helene Herdon became Mrs. Oliver Gregory Wilson on December 3, 1938, and is living at 1205 Franklin street, Columbia, South Carolina.

A year or so late comes the news that Janet Hollis has been married since November 1937 to Mr. Edwin C. Doswell, of San Mateo, California.

The class extends its sympathy to Joan Ballard, whose mother died recently.

Jo Jackson has been visiting her sister in New York and Ginnie Gantt in Pennsylvania.

Diesch stopped for one night at the college on her way to Cecil Pendleton's wedding, in which she was a bridesmaid. Diesch is very active in the Pittsburgh Alumnæ chapter.

Mary Lou Moffett is another of '38 who has been back several times. She was here for a few days in April.

Elizabeth Guthrie is climbing the heights of scholarship by working on her M.A. at Louisiana State U. She is majoring in art and enjoying the work immensely.

Emma Ruth Siler, another of the ambitious ones, is at the General Assembly's Training School in Richmond, taking her Master's in Bible.

Dot Cohen finds that Radcliffe is noted for its hard work, but she thinks it is more than worth it to be able to study under such brilliant men. And then too, it's rather long on fun with the Harvard brethren close by.

Nelda is struggling with five high school classes, each with about thirty pupils, at Highland Springs, eight miles from Richmond. Others in the teaching field include Reba Clemmer, Jessie Anne Roudabush, Frances Garwood and Mary Philpotts.

Dorothy Spruce was fortunate enough to return to the college for a short visit in March. She spent some time with Virginia Cooke in Pittsburgh during the winter.

Jessie Mae Cover has been in Richmond since March, taking special library work there.

Beasley and Cookie are still having a merry time in New York. Cookie was at the New York alumnæ meeting, where old home week was held. Marge injured her hand and spent some weeks recovering in Florida! Unfortunate girl!

By now everyone has heard of the marriage of Jo to Billy. We are a little late, Jo, but we still send our best wishes.

There are several engagements in the class at this point—Mattox, who will be married in July to her doctor in Texas, and Frances Apple, who appeared at an alumnæ meeting with a beautiful diamond.

A long letter from Toby gladdened our hearts. Toby worked for her father for a time in his office, but on November 11, she made her début and since then she has been dashing madly around. When the whirl is over she is coming up toM.B.C.if she has to hop a freight to do so. More power to you, Toby.

Also a card from Ruth Parrish in Texas. Things seem to be going very well for Ruth and she is still having plenty of that Texas fun.

Mary Murray has been spending the winter with her family in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Ruth Rose, who takes the prize for putting more information on a card than most people do in a letter, has a position as Junior Clerk Stenographer with the Florida State Employment service at home. The President visited Key West some time ago and great was the excitement thereof.

Charlotte Funke is working for the Shell Oil Company at Radio City.

Some changes of addresses for '38 include the following: Lucile Moore, 1502 Hampton Avenue, Columbia, S. C.; Corinne *Tomes* Sadler, 3116 Patterson Street, Richmond, Va.; Agnes Latham, Box 805, Lexington, Va.; Jeanne *Phillips* Coulter, 3629 Walsh Street, Jacksonville, Fla.; Betty Bird, 1175 Sunningdale Drive, Grosse Point. Mich.

Orchids to May McCall for the newsiest letter of the winter. May has been more than busy with social service work, weddings of a friend and cousin and visits to M. B. friends. She was in Columbia, S. C., for a visit and saw all the alumnæ—Way Way, looking fine as ever and playing hard (also devoting some of her time to alumnæ business), Lucy Lewis working on the society page of one of Columbia's papers. May is soon to take off on another trip to see Martha Johnson and Harriette Carmichael (who has just recuperated from an appendicitis operation). Keep up the good work, May.

Don't forget about Commencement, '38. This is your first year out, and we are all expecting you back.

1939

SHIRLEY *SMITH* PRITCHARD is the proud mother of a son. Shirley and her family are living in Charlottesville.

The engagement of Louise Waddell to Mr. David Warden Evans has been announced and the wedding will take place in June.

Barbara Wood, who attended Marjorie Webster School in Washington, after leaving Mary Baldwin, has moved to New York and is now engaged in doing personnel and research work for one of the larger insurance companies in New York City.

Mary Anne Wilson is working as secretary to the secretary of a large printing firm in Huntington, West Virginia.

Perrottet seems to be having an almost perfect year (except for the fact that she misses M. B. C. terrifically) and is doing nobly. Little blue ribbons float from her various sculpturing exhibits, which amazes Perrottet but not the rest of us. Luck to you, Frances.

Anna Caperton is employed at the Appalachian Electric Power Company in Charleston, West Virginia.

Helen *Volk* Dubrow has taken a lovely duplex apartment and has furnished it completely in modern design. It was furnished and decorated without the aid of an interior decorator, she and her husband doing it themselves. Several rooms may be in the May issue of *House Beautiful.* This apartment is situated at 169 E. 78th street, New York City.

Emily Ann Sparks spent a week-end at the college visiting Betty Boyd. She has a position as one of the secretaries of Senator Smather from New Jersey.

Barbara Baker and Kay *Gierhart* Hogshead spent the week-end of February 25th as guests at Mary Baldwin.

Sally *Collin* Coiner has just returned from a trip to Miami, Florida. On her way home she stopped for a visit with Emily *Shannon* Cantey.

1940

KATHERINE LEWIS is attending Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing, at the Presbyterian Columbia Medical Center, New York City. She is staying at Maxwell Hall, 179 Ft. Washington avenue.

A long letter from Dorothy Spindle brought news of her activities at Northwestern. She frequently sees Julia Ramsay, and has bumped into Joan Ballard and Virginia Snyder. In spite of the fact that she is a proud Gamma Phi Beta and enjoys all of Northwestern, she still misses Mary Baldwin.

Margaret Carper has pledged Chi Omega at William and Mary.

Barbara Fleming is attending Ohio Wesleyan University, in Delaware, Ohio. She hopes to come down for Commencement.

Virginia Lee Aldrich is in training for an appendicitis operation which will come some time soon. The call of M. B. C. is too strong for her, so she will be back with us next year, if all goes well.

Blanche Witkind is at Russell Sage College, Troy, New York, this year.

Alma Hines is studying Interior Decoration at the Richmond Professional Institute at William and Mary.

Julia Baldwin is living at the Gamma Phi Beta House in Columbia, Missouri. 808 Richmond, is the address.

Sororities are playing a big part in the lives of the ex-40s. Frances Price, at Maryland, has pledged Kappa Delta, and Sara Frances Ferrell, Tri Delta.

Polly Bartlett spent some time at Mary Baldwin on her way to and from New York.

Mary Ellen Thomas is in Clifton Forge this winter.

Anne Babst has a splendid position in an attorney's office in Pittsburgh.

Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, has claimed Martha Letzkus this year. Social activities, clubs and sports keep her so busy she hasn't yet found a week-end to visit us.

Sally Harned is receiving excellent training in the Zollinger Harned Department Store in Allentown, Pennsylvania, where she does everything from employing people to buying for the various departments.

More than fifty per cent of the class of '40 have joined the alumnæ association. This is the largest percent of any non-graduating group in the history of the association. There are still a few who have not as yet paid their dues, but we hope they will use the blank provided in the back of the News Letter for that purpose.

1941

ANITA NORDAN is attending Incarnate Word College in San Antonio, where her family had moved this past summer.

Margy Anne Hall is another who has deserted Mary Baldwin for the University of Texas.

Peggy Ford and Nancy Collier spent their spring vacations at Mary Baldwin. Peggy is in school in Lewisburg, North Carolina, and Nancy is studying Journalism at the University of Georgia.

Betty Hill has pledged Chi Omega at George Washington University.

Julia Boykin is in college in Charleston, South Carolina. Her address is 6 Council street, Charleston.

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